

**THE FOLLOWING IS A WEATHER REPORT FOR MONDAY, JANUARY 6,
2014 AND TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2014.**

Arctic cold front that is currently moving through Arkansas and central Texas. The front will be sweeping through the area this afternoon with a very noticeable drop in temperatures from the 60s into the 40s in a matter of minutes. A Freeze Warning has now been issued for tonight for the LA parishes surrounding Lake Pontchartrain down to the coast, and the MS gulf coast. A HARD Freeze Warning has been issued for SW MS and the upper Florida Parishes for tonight. In addition to cold temperatures in the 20s, strong northwest and north winds will produce dangerous wind chill levels overnight. At this time, due to high confidence and to offer ample lead time for mitigation actions, A HARD FREEZE WARNING has been issued well in advance for Monday night into Tuesday morning for the entire WFO LIX area. Forecasted temperatures should reach the teens in most locations, including areas south of the lakes well away from the lakes. In metro New Orleans, lows should reach the mid 20s for several hours Monday night.

*** TIMING...TEMPERATURES WILL DROP BELOW FREEZING AROUND OR AFTER**

MIDNIGHT TONIGHT AND REMAIN BELOW FREEZING UNTIL MID MORNING

MONDAY. AFTER MODEST WARMING DURING THE DAY MONDAY A RETURN TO

FREEZING AND HARD FREEZE TEMPERATURES WILL RESUME AT SUNSET AND

CONTINUE INTO THE MID TO LATE MORNING TUESDAY.

*** TEMPERATURES...MINIMUM TEMPERATURES IN THE LOWER TO MID 20S ARE**

FORECAST BY MONDAY MORNING. MINIMUM TEMPERATURES IN THE MID TEEN

TO AROUND 20 ARE FORECAST FOR TUESDAY MORNING.

*** DURATION...FREEZING TEMPERATURES ARE EXPECTED FOR A PERIOD OF 5**

TO 10 HOURS TONIGHT. ANOTHER PERIOD OF 10 TO 14 HOURS OF

FREEZING TEMPERATURES ARE EXPECTED MONDAY NIGHT WITH ABOUT 5 TO

10 HOURS BELOW 26 DEGREES.

*** IMPACTS...HAZARDOUS LIFE THREATENING CONDITIONS FOR**

PERSONS...LIVESTOCK AND PETS. PROPERTY LOSS POTENTIAL FROM

FROZEN PIPES AND PLUMBING. HORTICULTURAL AND AGRICULTURAL LOSSES

CAN BE SIGNIFICANT WITHOUT PROPER MITIGATION MEASURES.

PRECAUTIONARY/PREPAREDNESS ACTIONS...

TO PREVENT FREEZING AND POSSIBLE BURSTING OF OUTDOOR WATER
PIPES... PIPES SHOULD BE WRAPPED...DRAINED...OR ALLOWED TO DRIP
SLOWLY. THOSE THAT HAVE IN-GROUND SPRINKLER SYSTEMS SHOULD DRAIN
THEIR SYSTEMS...OR COVER ANY ABOVE-GROUND PIPES TO PROTECT THEM
FROM FREEZING.

BE PARTICULARLY CAREFUL WITH PORTABLE HEATERS...THERE IS DANGER
OF FIRE OR POISONOUS FUMES.

IF YOU MUST GO OUTSIDE...REMEMBER THAT SEVERAL LAYERS OF CLOTHES
WILL KEEP YOU WARMER THAN A SINGLE HEAVY COAT. A HAT IS ALSO
IMPORTANT AS 20 PERCENT OF BODY HEAT LOSS IS THROUGH THE HEAD.

A HARD FREEZE WARNING MEANS SUB-FREEZING TEMPERATURES ARE
IMMINENT OR HIGHLY LIKELY. THESE CONDITIONS WILL KILL CROPS AND
OTHER SENSITIVE VEGETATION.